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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of)
KAWADA et al.)
Application Number: To Be Assigned)
Filed: Concurrently Herewith)
For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE)

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

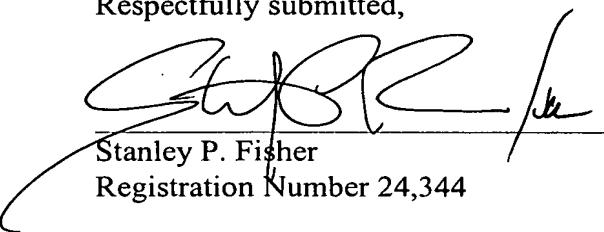
**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority dates of July 28, 2000, and August 25, 2000, the filing dates of the corresponding Japanese patent applications 2000-228976 and 2000-254964, respectively.

The certified copies of corresponding Japanese patent applications 2000-228976 and 2000-254964 are being submitted herewith. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copies is respectfully requested in due course.

Respectfully submitted,


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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:	LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE

Enclosed are:

- 17 sheets of formal informal drawings.
 - Transmittal of certified copies of Japanese patent applications 2000-228976 and 2000-254964 to claim priority dates of July 28, 2000, and August 25, 2000, respectively.
 - An assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi Electronic Devices Co., Ltd.
 - Applicant requests non-publication.
 - Applicant is a small entity.
 - An Executed Declaration
- The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

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